

1 Roberts Drive

Williamston, SC 29697

Grades PK-5 Elementary School

Enrollment 649 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2008	Good	At-Risk
2007	Good	Below Average
2006	Good	Good
2005	Good	Below Average
2004	Good	Below Average

DEFINITIONS OF DISTRICT RATING TERMS

- Excellent District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Good District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- At-Risk District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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Percent of Student PACT Records Matched for Purposes of Computing Improvement Rating

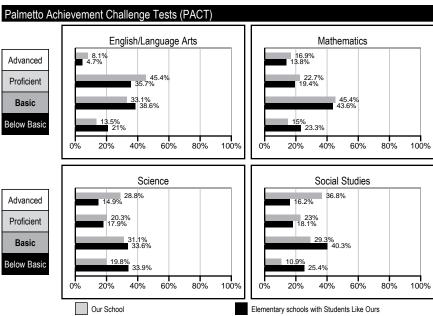
Percent of students tested in 2007-08 whose 2006-07 test scores were located

99.4%

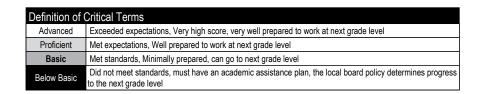
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

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Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk						
0	6	53	33	1						

^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by September 30.



^{*} Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary schools with Poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the



School Profile

CONCONTIONIO	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=649)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	3.8%	Up from 3.2%	2.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.3%	96.2%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.6%	Down from 10.3%	9.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	7.3%	Down from 8.5%	8.6%	7.5%
Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 0.4%	0.7%	0.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.5%	No Change	57.9%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	71.7%	Down from 80.4%	80.5%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.4%	Up from 89.3%	87.4%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Up from 94.6%	94.8%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$43,482	Up 4.0%	\$45,361	\$45,345
Professional development days/teacher	12.5 days	Up from 11.4 days	12.5 days	12.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	14.0	Up from 13.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.2 to 1	Up from 16.1 to 1	18.5 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.4%	No Change	89.4%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,746	Up 50.6%	\$6,890	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	72.1%	Up from 71.3%	68.6%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	67.0%	Down from 92.8%	64.9%	64.2%

^{*} Prior year audited financial data are reported.

Palmetto Elementary 02/16/09-0401004

Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Palmetto Elementary and Preschool is a beautiful school nestled in the picturesque eastern corner of Anderson County. Palmetto Elementary is a Title I school with the most ethnically and culturally diverse student body and faculty in Anderson School District One. We have eight National Board Certified teachers. The 2007 PACT scores showed an absolute rating of "Good", an Improvement Rating of "Below Average," and 17 of 17 areas of AYP met. We are continuing to work towards a rating of "Excellent".

Palmetto Elementary and Preschool has had many accomplishments including: three time finalist for Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award: recipient of the South Carolina Healthy Schools Award; we were awarded the Exemplary Writing Award by the Writing Improvement Network; recipient of Palmetto Gold and Silver Award; recipient of the Education Oversight Committee "Closing the Gap" Award for five consecutive years; SC Principal of the Year for 2006; we provided parenting workshops and Family Movie Nights; students earned in excess of 30,000 Accelerated Reading points, and 117 students went to Burger King with the principal; book circulation in the Media Center totaled 53,971 during the 2007-2008 school year; conferences were held with 100% of all parents; Clemson University provided 14 student tutors while we served as a pre-service teacher training site for 16 practicum students and student teachers: the Homework Center served 74 students from October until April; the After-School program tutored, supervised, and provided enrichment for 37 students until 5:30 pm daily; Family Reading Night was provided in the Media Center every Tuesday and Thursday until 5:00 pm; Students and school staff participated in the community recycling program, National Breast Cancer Awareness month, Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia Society of America, and Hurricane Katrina Relief for the Red Cross; Enrichment classes in music, dance, karate, technology, guitar, arts and crafts, beginning piano, knitting, cooking, and first aid were offered on Mondays after school with over 135 students participating; and continuation of the school wide Pony Express mail system, Beta Club, Student Council, Drama Club, school choir, violin orchestra, Art Club, Safety Patrols, Library Helpers, School News Team, and student Recycling Team

We continue to update our technology by housing a computer lab, providing new printers to our teachers, a digital camera for each grade level, thirty-six Smart Boards, a Senteo response system, and five document cameras. An interactive student learning center, including "Achieve Now" and Odyssey, is available to students. Thinking Maps and Thinking Maps software are available for staff and students.

Jerome Hudson, Principal Carole Simmons, SIC Chairman

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents								
	Teachers	Students*	Parents*					
Number of surveys returned	46	77	53					
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.8%	83.1%	92.5%					
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.8%	74.0%	83.0%					
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.0%	75.0%	86.8%					

^{*} Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

No Child Left Behind

School Adequate Yearly Progress YES

This school met 17 out of 17 objectives. The objectives included student performance, graduation rate or student attendance, and participation in the state testing program.

* Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, Adequate Yearly Progress specifies that the statewide target is met for "All Students" and for the following subgroups: Racial/Ethnic, Subsidized Meals, Disability, and Limited English Proficiency in the areas of English/Language Arts and Mathematics, as well as meeting the statewide target for "All Students" for attendance or graduation rate.

School Improvement Status

School	Improvement Key
NI	Newly Identified-The school missed adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two years. Sanction: Offer school choice.
CSI	Continuing School Improvement-The school missed AYP for three years. Sanctions: Continue school choice and implement supplemental services.
CA	Corrective Action-The school missed AYP for four years. Sanction: Continue school choice and supplemental services. The school district takes a corrective action.
	Plan to Restructure-Sanctions: Continue school choice and supplemental services. Develop a plan to restructure. If the school misses AYP the next year, the school implements the restructuring plan.
R	Restructure-The school missed AYP after two years of corrective action. Sanction: Implement the restructuring plan.
DELAY	The school met AYP in all subgroups and the indicator for one year, thus the delay provision applies. The school remains in the same status as last year and is referred to as in "Delay."
HOLD	The school made progress for one year in the subject area that identified the school for school improvement. The school remains in the same status as last year and is referred to as in "Hold."

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance		
	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.2%	1.8%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	6.8%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.4%	94.0%	Yes

^{*} Or greater than last year

21

170

100

100

19

18.6

61.9

49.4

English Proficiency
Limited English Proficient

Socio-Economic Status
Subsized meals

4.8

20.5

14.3

11.5

28.6

45.5

39.7

44.2

38.7

31.4

I/S

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^{*} Adj - Adjusted to account for natural variation in performance.

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PACT Performance By Group											
TACTT enormance b	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	School % Proficient and Advanced*	District % Proficient and Advanced*	State % Proficient and Advanced*	School Attendance Rate	District Attendance Rate
				Scie							
All Students	192	100	20.1	31.3	20.1	28.5	48.6	57.2	35.7	96.4	96.1
Gender											
Male	102	100	14.6	28.1	19.8	37.5	57.3	60.1	37.4	96.5	96.1
Female	90	100	26.5	34.9	20.5	18.1	38.6	53.9	33.8	96.4	96.1
Racial/Ethnic Group											
White	143	100	19.1	28.2	20.6	32.1	52.7	59.8	49.2	96.2	96
Africian American	31	100	23.3	40	20	16.7	36.7	31.9	17	97.1	96.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	70.8	58	97.4	97.5
Hispanic	15	100	20	40	20	20	40	46	24.9	97	96.3
American Indian/Alaskan	3	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	37.4	95.2	94.9
Disability Status											
Disabled	31	100	40.7	33.3	14.8	11.1	25.9	23.7	14	95.9	95.4
Migrant Status											
Migrant	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	N/A	21.9	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency											
Limited English Proficient	12	100	25	41.7	16.7	16.7	33.3	38	24.4	97	96.6
Socio-Economic Status											
Subsized meals	119	100	25.7	36.7	17.4	20.2	37.6	38.2	21.1	96.3	95.2
				Social S	Studies						
All Students	187	100	11.4	29	23.3	36.4	59.7	50.7	34	96.4	96.1
Gender											
Male	101	100	11.5	29.2	20.8	38.5	59.4	53.7	36.6	96.5	96.1
Female	86	100	11.3	28.8	26.3	33.8	60	47.3	31.3	96.4	96.1
Racial/Ethnic Group											
White	137	100	10.9	29.7	23.4	35.9	59.4	51.8	44.5	96.2	96
Africian American	31	100	6.7	30	23.3	40	63.3	39.5	19.1	97.1	96.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	80	58.9	97.4	97.5
Hispanic	18	100	17.6	23.5	23.5	35.3	58.8	39.3	27.5	97	96.3
American Indian/Alaskan	1	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	32.7	95.2	94.9
Disability Status											
Disabled	24	100	31.8	36.4	18.2	13.6	31.8	24.9	14.4	95.9	95.4
Migrant Status											
Migrant	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	N/A	22.6	N/A	N/A
English Proficiency											
Limited English Proficient	16	100	18.8	25	18.8	37.5	56.3	44.7	27.3	97	96.6
Socio-Economic Status											

^{*} Adj - Adjusted to account for natural variation in performance.

Subsized meals

118 100 11.1 34.3 25.9 28.7 54.6 37.5 21 96.3 95.2

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PACT Performance By Grade Level										
	Grade	Enrollment 1st Oay of Testing	% Tested	% Below Basic	% Basic	% Proficient	% Advanced	% Proficient and Advanced*		
			Er	nglish/Langu	age Arts					
	3	103	100	6.7	21.1	62.2	10	72.2		
7	4	75	100	4.4	38.2	41.2	16.2	57.4		
2007	5 6	89	100	8.5	51.2	32.9	7.3	40.2		
2	7	N/A N/A	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV		
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV		
	3	100	96	5.5	29.7	49.5	15.4	64.8		
8	4	99	97	11.2	31.5	53.9	3.4	57.3		
2008	5	81	96.3	13.7	45.2	35.6	5.5	41.1		
2	6 7	N/A N/A	I/S I/S	I/S I/S	I/S I/S	I/S I/S	I/S I/S	I/S I/S		
	8	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		
				Mathema						
	3	103	100	12.2	58.9	24.4	4.4	28.9		
7	4	75	100	5.9	39.7	27.9	26.5	54.4		
2007	5	89	100	13.4	48.8	25.6	12.2	37.8		
2	6	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV		
	7 8	N/A N/A	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV	N/AV N/AV		
	3	100	100	21.1	50.5	17.9	10.5	28.4		
8	4	99	100	14.1	39.1	25	21.7	46.7		
2008	5	81	100	9.2	47.4	25	18.4	43.4		
2(6	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		
	7 8	N/A N/A	I/S I/S	I/S I/S	I/S I/S	I/S I/S	I/S I/S	I/S I/S		
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07	5	43	100	31.7	24.4	9.8	34.1	43.9		
2007	6	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV		
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV		
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV		
-	3 4	51 99	100 100	16.7 21.7	27.1 37	31.3 14.1	25 27.2	56.3 41.3		
2008	5	42	100	20.5	23.1	20.5	35.9	56.4		
20	6	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		
	7	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		
	8	N/A	I/S	1/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		
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	3 4	53 75	100	2.3 7.4	22.7	34.1 22.1	40.9	75 70.6		
07	5	46	100 100	30	22.1 27.5	27.5	48.5 15	70.6 42.5		
2007	6	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV		
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV		
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV		
	3	49	100	4.3	21.3	25.5	48.9	74.5		
08	4 5	99 39	100 100	14.1 13.5	35.9 21.6	21.7 24.3	28.3 40.5	50 64.9		
2008	6	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	1/S	1/S	I/S		
	7	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		
	8	N/A	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S	I/S		